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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General
 THROUGH: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
 FROM:
 Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
 SUBJECT: Inspection of FBIS by the IG Staff
 REFERENCE: Inspection of FBIS, February 1980, Vols. I and II

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1. We appreciate the opportunity to examine the draft of the IG Report on FBIS, which resulted from the inspection conducted between July and November 1979. We found it a comprehensive and valuable look into the operations and problems of FBIS. There are many useful perceptions which will be useful to Agency management in understanding the complexity and difficulties inherent in our extensive, worldwide function.

2. We have attached an Annex of comments on specific statements in the report which we feel might have been based on misinformation or misunderstanding, the correction of which would, we believe, make this a stronger report. While there are other points of disagreement, we realize that to a considerable extent many of the observations in the report are necessarily matters of opinion or perception and we have let them stand, even though we might disagree with the conclusion.

3. With regard to specific recommendations, we believe we can pursue these, but note the following:

- a. FBIS can meet with OSO and O/C to "explore" the development of a more sophisticated remoting system for covering but FBIS does not itself see this as a high priority item.

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